

Views of

Buffalo

The City of Buffalo, New York

CENTRAL location, unusual shipping facilities and cheap power have conspired to give this City a steady and remarkable growth, and the same elements will surely at no distant day make Buffalo one of the greatest cities of America. In location her position is unique, for it is said that within a radius of 500 miles reside two-thirds of the entire population of the United States.

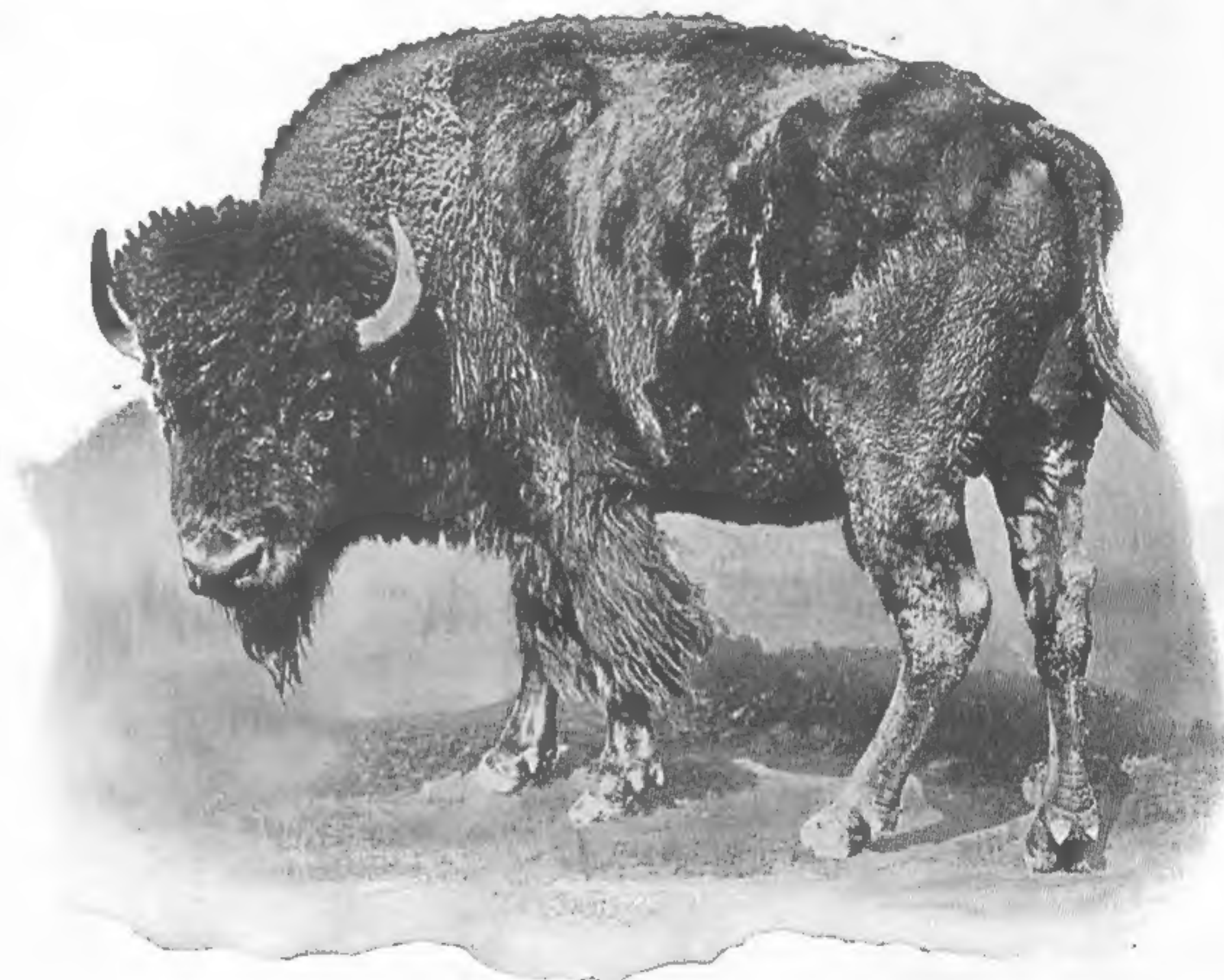
As for shipping facilities, on the one hand are the Great Lakes with their enormous summer traffic, while on the other the greatest railway trunk lines of the country (15 in number) extend in all directions and bring this City within quick and easy reach of a vast multitude of people. Then too, the Erie Canal has contributed greatly to the growth and development of Buffalo.

But in these industrial times nothing can do more to build up a great city than cheap power. The greatest natural battery of earth is Niagara — only 20 miles distant — and within the last decade this mighty power has been so harnessed and the long distance electric current so developed, that Buffalo now reaps great benefit therefrom. This, however, is in its infancy, and the City has not yet begun to realize the enormous advantage its adjacency to Niagara Falls will yet produce. The stranger in Buffalo is first impressed by three things; the cleanliness of the town, the asphalt streets, the brilliant lights at night. The first and last are largely the result of Niagara's electric power, thus reducing the consumption of soft coal — such a nuisance in many large cities. The asphalt pavements are the pride of Buffalo, and justly so. There are some 400 miles of this sort of street building; more than Paris, London or any other large city can boast.

Buffalo now numbers over 425,000 inhabitants, has 8 theatres, 70 schools, and over 200 churches. It claims some of the most notable office buildings in the country, among them the Ellicott Square, the Prudential, Mutual Life, and others.

Buffalo's industries are many and varied — there are something over 4,000 manufacturing institutions employing 175,000 persons. The flour mills, breweries, and ship-building are leading features among these, but there are also immense industries for the manufacture of heavy machinery, mill and railroad supplies, sugar-making apparatus, etc.

Buffalo has one of the most efficient street railway services in the country, reaching in all directions — to Niagara Falls, Lockport, and numerous suburban points. No City in America has a brighter prospect than this; coupled with unusual natural advantages she possesses a population of intelligent, industrious, progressive and cultured citizens who are ever on the alert to further the interests of a much-beloved community.



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BUFFALO, NEW YORK



LAFAYETTE SQUARE, SHOWING SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT

The corner stone of this beautiful monument was laid July 4th, 1882, and the monument was unveiled just two years later. Ex-President Cleveland took part in both ceremonies, first as Mayor of Buffalo and later as Governor of New York. It is 85 feet high and is crowned by a figure typifying the City's genius. The column is decorated with bas-reliefs depicting scenes of the war. The surrounding green is decorated with a number of old cannon.

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MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH FROM NIAGARA

This, the principal thoroughfare of Buffalo, begins at the Buffalo River and extends entirely across the City.



CITY HALL

Begun 1871, completed 1876. This building is in the form of a double Roman cross, and has a clock tower rising to a height of 268 feet. This tower is adorned at the four corners with granite statues representing Justice, Commerce, Mechanical Arts and Agriculture. Near the top is a fine observatory. The building is well-equipped, and is in every way a model public edifice. Here President McKinley's body lay in state, Sunday, September 15, 1901.



ERIE COUNTY JAIL

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Erie County Jail, erected in 1877, has cell space for over 200 prisoners. It was in this jail that Czolgosz was confined after the murder of President McKinley, and here the assassin met his death. The Municipal Building, built 1889, is of brick with brown stone trimmings. It contains besides the Municipal Courts, the Office of Superintendent of Education and the Water and Health Departments.



POST OFFICE

Corner stone laid 1897, building dedicated 1901. It occupies an entire block and contains 150,000 feet of floor space, has 400 windows, and is lighted at night by 4,000 incandescent lights. The framework is of steel and the exterior of red granite. It is one of the finest Post Office buildings in the United States.



THE 24TH REGIMENT ARMORY

This imposing building of brown stone occupies an entire block, bounded by Niagara, Connecticut, Vermont and Prospect Streets. It cost half a million dollars.



City Hall

ERIE COUNTY BANK BUILDING

Masonic Temple

Mutual Life Building

This was built in 1893, at a cost of \$1,100,000 from the surplus of the bank's savings. It is of gray granite, the facades capped by round towers. The interior is almost entirely of marble with mahogany woodwork. It contains 140 offices.



ELLICOTT SQUARE BUILDING, MAIN STREET

The only office building in the world covering a whole block. It contains 40 stores, 16 counting rooms, 600 offices, 16 elevators, club rooms, etc. It has 447,000 feet of floor space in its ten stories and is occupied during the day by 4,000 to 5,000 persons. It is built around a large rotunda and was completed within one year's time at a cost of \$3,350,000.



PRUDENTIAL BUILDING

This modern and luxurious office building rises 13 stories above the pavement. It has a frontage of 116 feet. The interior is beautifully finished in marble of various hues and fire proof bricks, with woodwork of oak and mahogany.



TWO HANDSOME BUILDINGS

Buffalo possesses some of the finest buildings in the country devoted to club, social and secret society uses.

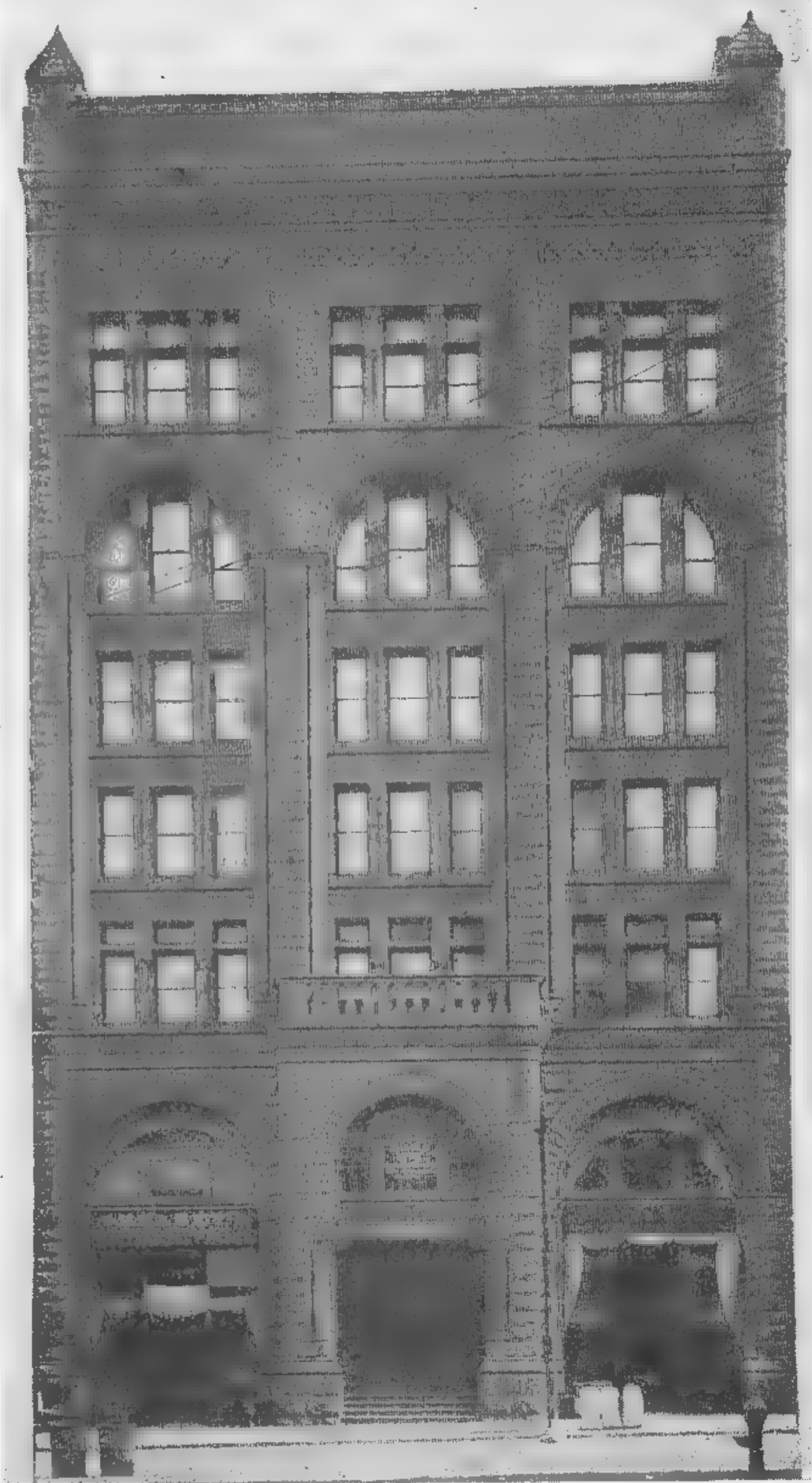


BUFFALO SAVINGS BANK
Corner Main and Genesee Streets.

BANK OF BUFFALO
Main Street, corner of Seneca.



THE IROQUOIS HOTEL



THE MASONIC TEMPLE



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARADE
Ninetieth Annual Conclave, Buffalo, September 1, 1903.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PARADE — MASSING OF THE BANDS

One thousand musicians marching down Main Street, playing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the hymn of the Templars



ENTRANCE TO BUFFALO HARBOR, SHOWING THE LACKAWANNA COAL DOCKS
 These docks are the largest in the world, the pocket being 5,000 feet long. The famous "Jack-knife" Bridge is located at Michigan Street.



LAKE STEAMERS

Showing types of the large excursion and freight steamers which contribute to the immense shipping industry of Buffalo



THE HARBOR BY MOONLIGHT
ONE OF THE FIRE BOATS BREAKING ICE IN THE HARBOR



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Completed 1887 at a cost of \$338,000. It contains 200,000 books and 180,000 pamphlets.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF BUFFALO UNIVERSITY

It has graduated over 2,500 students, and has a cancer laboratory in connection with its various departments.



TWO OF BUFFALO'S HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The Masten Park School has been recently erected at a cost of \$225,000, on the corner of North Masten and Best Streets



REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL BUILDINGS



HOME OF THE BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This building was erected for the New York State Building at the Pan-American Exposition at a cost of \$150,000, and is now the permanent home of the Historical Society.



ALBRIGHT ART GALLERY

This magnificent building, costing \$530,000, was a gift to Buffalo from Mr. J. J. Albright. It was erected at the time of the Exposition, and will be used as a permanent Art Gallery. It is built of white marble and supported by beautiful Ionic columns.



BUFFALO SKY LINE FROM THE CANADIAN SHORE



BLACK ROCK HARBOR

Lies between Squaw Island and the City proper. All the commerce of the Erie Canal, eastward, passes through this harbor. The Canadian shore may be seen in the distance.



DEAF MUTE INSTITUTE

Under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, with accommodations for 200 children.



YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Erected in 1903. Contains lecture halls, library, baths, bowling alleys and a well-equipped gymnasium.



NEWSBOYS' HOME

This home receives all working boys from 14 to 19 years and endeavors to train them to become useful citizens. It has accommodations for 60 boys.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The Cathedral Church of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, and one of the oldest church edifices in the City, having been built in 1850.



TEMPLE BETH ZION

The Jewish Synagogue on Delaware Avenue is built of Medina brown stone after the Byzantine style. It has the largest wooden dome in America and the interior frescoing is exceedingly beautiful.



BISHOP COLTON'S RESIDENCE AND CHAPEL



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL (CATHOLIC) FRANKLIN STREET



RICHMOND AVENUE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This structure was erected in 1898, with a seating capacity of 1,200. It has 700 members and ■ Sunday School enrolment of 1,100.



DELAWARE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE CIRCLE

Erected 1890, the audience room is similar in form to St. Marks, Venice. The church society was organized in 1812 and is often called the "Mother Church" of Buffalo.



WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNION

This Union of over 1,000 members, of all classes, erected the building it now occupies in 1885. It maintains a domestic training department, and many classes of instruction along various educational lines.



MILBURN HOUSE, DELAWARE AVENUE
Where President McKinley died, September 14, 1901.



ANSLEY WILCOX RESIDENCE, DELAWARE AVENUE

Where Vice-President Roosevelt took the oath of office, September 14th, 1901, after the assassination and death of President McKinley



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES WILLIAMS, DELAWARE AVENUE



RESIDENCE OF S. H. KNOX, DELAWARE AVENUE



E. D. TOWNSEND'S RESIDENCE



BUFFALO HOMES

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TWO DELAWARE AVENUE RESIDENCES



SOME OF BUFFALO'S BEAUTIFUL MANSIONS



REPRESENTATIVE CLUBS OF BUFFALO



HOME OF WILLIAM HAMLIN, DELAWARE AND LEXINGTON AVENUES



CASTLE INN, NIAGARA SQUARE
Formerly the home of President Fillmore.



VIEW IN DELAWARE PARK

This park has an area of 362 acres — a large ornamental lake, charming drives, beautiful walks, and golf grounds



BOAT HOUSE, DELAWARE PARK

The lake is equipped with row boats and launches for the pleasure of Park visitors.



COUNTRY CLUB

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